

OUR LETTER FROM HILO.

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Social Doings on the Island
of Hawaii.

HILO, June 15.—If history has a habit of repeating itself, Kamehameha day just past, shows but a sorry exhibition of the rule, for there has been little, if any, of the attendant festivities which usually go to make that day a gala one among Hawaiians. The day opened with regular old-fashioned Hilo weather, and the cats and dogs which tumbled in profusion from the sky during the morning soon converted many of the streets into muddy canals. The weather clerk failed to get over his ugly mood till about noon, after which the sun took a hasty peep at things, and finally emerged giving us a beautiful afternoon.

Whether it is the dampness that has rendered the Kamehameha day celebration more merciful this season than at other times, the fact remains that there have been fewer walls of agony from the persecuted pig which at such times is ruthlessly slaughtered to cater to the Hawaiians' inner wants. The lanais and lauas have been but few, and the usual cavalcade of peacock wreathed hats and malle leis sweeping through the streets this year non est. Only occasionally some dusky rider, with spirits afire from superindulgence in aguardiente, would race by shouting defiance at phlegmatic policemen.

So that taken altogether, June 11th just passed, has proven rather a lugubrious anniversary, unless the predictions of our Aloha Aina friends that the ex-Queen would be reinstated on that day, a report which has been circulating here for some time, shall prove to have been borne out in fact.

The unprecedented spell of sultry weather that has held reign so long is probably the underlying cause of so much sickness around lately. A regular epidemic has been raging here, and there is hardly a family but one or more of its members are *hors de combat* with la grippe. Even our genial Dr. Williams has been laid low on a bed of sickness for some time, so that now the mission of healing all devolves upon Dr. Frances Wetmore, and what would happen if she were to prove vulnerable to the insidious malady is a contingency we would rather not contemplate.

How different the climate on the rolling upland slopes of Mauna Kea. There one feels none of that lassitude or the debilitating effects such as are induced by a residence along the lowlands of the sea coast. On these highlands the climate is dry, salubrious and invigorating. One tract alone exceeds fifteen miles in length and lies between the upper part of Waiakea and Laupahoehoe, the upper line winding along the Mauna Kea slopes and the lower extending from one to three miles into the heavy Ohia and Koa forest. It is a rolling tract of extreme fertility, covered with luxuriant growths of bunch grass and here and there with the rich orchard or blue grass. Irish potatoes, barley and oats have been successfully raised, and of the former two crops can be raised per annum as the frost during the winter months is not sufficient to kill them.

Puu Oo, Aahuwela, Puakala and Keanakolu are prominent localities in these parts, all lying outside the forest line at an elevation of from 5000 to 6000 feet, just outside the edge of the forest and above the heavy rain belt, with sufficient rain-fall, however, to supply all the moisture needed for the growth of agricultural products of all kinds, and there are never failing springs of clear, cold water, fed probably from the snows of Mauna Kea.

On the south edge of this tract a trail, which could easily be widened, leads over the flow of 1855-56 to Hilo. This lava in many places is exceedingly friable and scoriaceous, and it would not be a very expensive matter to connect with the old Judd road, built in years gone by from Kona for fifteen miles, straight over the mountain towards Hilo.

From Keanakolu on the north down to Laupahoehoe is only a few miles, which could be connected by a good cart road, leading over the Kapa'a ridge, which, according to old legends, was the last eruption from Mauna Kea. Near Keanakolu also are the Douglas pits, named so after the distinguished but unfortunate naturalist, who met his death in one of them during the thirties.

Contained in this belt is nature's sanitarium for those tired and worn out from living in the warm regions along the sea coast. Here the health-seeker will find health-giving heights, where one's outing, riding and hunting will create a new lease of life, where good wood fires of an evening are not to be despised, and where one contentedly piles the blankets around during the winter months, awakening in the morning to find that Jack Frost has been busy over night etching the window panes with those fancy creations he knows so well how to produce; then as the sun mounts over the tangled mass of the forest line, to take a quick ride over the hills, where ferns and grasses shine like diamonds of ice, that sparkle and scintillate as they are kissed into life by the flood of sunlight.

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General Advertisements.

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Are we to be, or not to be, a part of the Great Republic, seems to be the burning question of the day, and one we had rather leave to wiser heads than ours to solve; and while great statesmen are wrestling with this momentous question, we want to have a little "poroworo" with you on some other subjects, that concern you as well as ourselves.

Has it not occurred to you that you've been wearing that old hat long enough! In these progressive times if you intend to be "in it," you've got to keep pace with fashion. No matter how otherwise well dressed you may be, unless your hat is the correct thing you bear a shabby appearance.

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If you should want a pair of nice shoes, let us try a hand at fitting you. Did it ever occur to you

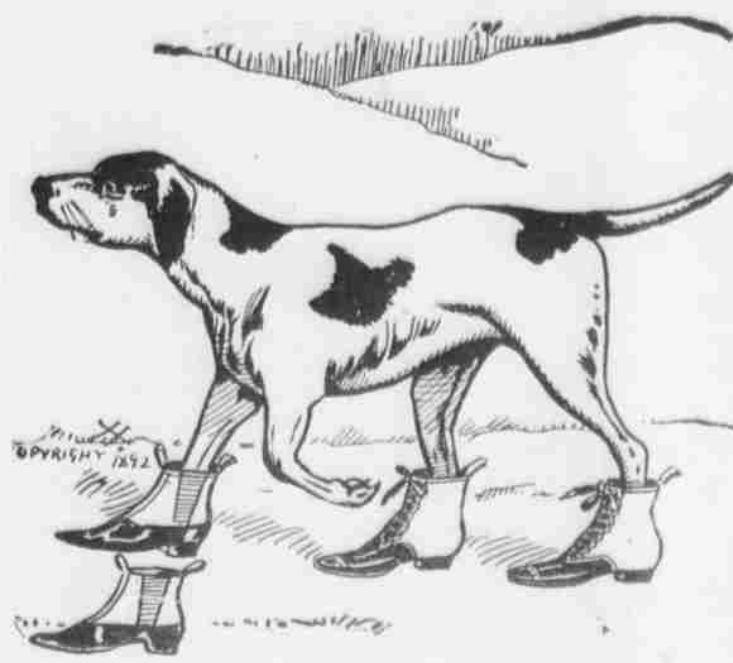
How much a man is like his shoes; For instance, both a soul may lose. Both have been tanned; Both are made tight by Cobblers; Both get left and right; Both need a mate to be complete; And both are made to go on feet.

They both need healing; oft are sold, And both in time will turn to mould. With shoes the last is first; with men The first shall be the last; and when The shoes wear out, they're mended new; When men wear out, they're men dead too.

They both are trod upon, and both Will tread on others nothing loth. Both have their ties, and both incline When polished, in the world to shine; And both get out. Now would you choose To be a man, or be his shoes.

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